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Citrus Commission Renews Bryant's Contract

by Neil Miller

LAKELAND, FLA. — The Florida Citrus Commission voted unanimously last Wednesday to extend singer and anti-gay crusader Anita Bryant's contract as spokesperson for Florida orange juice. The Commission voted to continue the singer's \$100,000 television contract until August 1979 despite recent remarks critical of Bryant by Edward Taylor, executive director of the state's Department of Citrus.

Florida Citrus officials refused to talk to the press except to read a terse two paragraph statement that stated, "The Florida Citrus Commission voted yesterday to exercise an option to pick up a third year of singer Anita Bryant's three year contract as advertising spokesperson for Florida orange products. Miss Bryant's new contract will expire August 31, 1979."

"The Commission had been scheduled to consider Miss Bryant's contract during a February meeting but the matter was pushed up to November be-



Photo by Betty Lane

Anita Bryant

cause of recent speculation that she might be on her way out as an advertising personality for Florida orange products."

The Commission statement did not endorse Bryant's position on gay rights. However, Dan Richards, commission chairperson, told a national wire service "she's doing a great job for us." Her controversial positions on issues had "nothing to do with our decision," he said. "Our decision is based on whether she still is effective (as a citrus promoter) and she is."

According to a report in the *New York Times*, the Commission also adopted a resolution supporting the right of Bryant to express her views on any subject, without fear of reprisal. This includes her views on the issue of gay rights.

Despite the vote of confidence in Bryant, recent conflicting statements emanating from the citrus establishment indicate that the unanimity may

have been primarily for public consumption. "A change will have to be made in the foreseeable future," Florida Department of Citrus executive director Edward Taylor told a meeting of growers earlier this month. "When consumers see her [Bryant] they don't think about orange juice, they think about the gay rights issue." Shortly after Taylor made his statement, Citrus Commission chairperson Dan Richardson strongly defended Bryant.

Bryant has consistently asserted that orange juice sales were up 25% over a comparable period last year and that this fact vindicated her ability to be the spokesperson for the product. When Taylor made his statement criticizing her, the singer responded by asserting "I am clearly the victim of religious persecution . . . if they want to fire me, let them do it now and give me peace."

Prior to last week's Commission announcement, there had been reports that the Commission had arranged to

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Vietnam Vet Gets an Upgraded Discharge

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A former Navy Radioman Third Class has become the first reported gay person to have a 'general' discharge upgraded to an honorable one as a result of military service during the Vietnam war era. Robert A. Martin, who was given a general discharge in 1972 because of "unfitness due to homosexual acts," had his discharge upgraded on Oct. 6. The upgrading comes as part of the Carter Administration's program to improve discharges of several classes of veterans who served in Vietnam.

In its decision, the Navy ruled that the original discharge was "proper and equitable." However, because Martin's actions were "off base—off duty" and done with "consenting adults," the Navy board decided that the total circumstances of the case did warrant relief. "In compliance with the desire of the President that other than fully honorable discharges of the Vietnam era be reviewed in the spirit of mercy and compassion, the discharge is recharacterized to honorable in the absence of aggravating factors," the

discharge review board found.

Martin was ousted from the Navy after a nine-month battle in 1971-72, at which time he was defended by the American Civil Liberties Union. Martin's case had the support of North Carolina Sen. Sam Ervin, and Reps. Bella Abzug and Edward Koch.

"If my service to the Navy and the country can now be characterized as honorable," said Martin, "then there is no rationale for the services to deny honorable discharges to men and women being discharged for 'homosex-

ual involvement.' Ultimately, of course, the whole discharge policy will have to be revoked."

The decision to upgrade Martin's discharge does not represent any change in the U.S. armed forces' attitudes towards homosexual servicepeople, however. Although the Carter Administration has been rumored to be contemplating a relaxation of the military's anti-gay attitude, there has been no official policy change.

Rep. King Demands Ken's Harassment Probe

BOSTON — State Rep. Mel King last week demanded that the Boston Police Department investigate "a continuing pattern of harassment of gay citizens" by Boston Police officers in District 4, which encompasses Back Bay, the South End, and Fenway areas of the city. King made the charges in a letter to Police Commissioner Joseph M. Jordan after several of his constituents reported being harassed at Ken's Restaurant, Copley Square. (See GCN, last week.)

Ken's has been the source of continued complaints for the last several months from gay men. In addition to arresting gay men for disorderly conduct and placing them in "protective custody," the detail officers at the restaurant — who are employed by the management — are accused of name-calling and physical violence as well. Ken's is an expansive deli-restaurant very popular with gay crowds, particularly late at night.

In his letter to Jordan, King made three requests: 1) That the actions and conduct of the police at Ken's be thoroughly investigated, 2) That the commissioner also check on the "ongoing and systematic patterns of harassment" of gay people at District Four, and 3) That the commissioner meet with representatives of the gay com-



Photo by John Scagliotti

Rep. Mel King

munity and King to discuss the repeated problems with District 4 police.

In a letter to Boston Police Department District 4 Captain James McDonald, Rep. Barney Frank urged McDonald "to take steps to put a stop to any harassment or abuse of gay men that does go on." Frank noted that, while he favors enforcement "by uniformed officers of the anti-prostitution laws in the residential part of the neigh-

borhood," this can still be done "without name-calling or abuse." "There is no reason why this policy should lead

to harassment of gay men elsewhere, in restaurants — e.g., Ken's — or elsewhere," wrote Frank.

Rep. Frank Urges Officials to Act on Court Decision

BOSTON — Rep. Barney Frank last week called on three of the state's leading law enforcement officials to take action to protect the rights of gay people following the Nov. 9 Supreme Judicial Court decision, *Commonwealth vs. Scagliotti*. In separate letters to Boston Police Commissioner Joseph M. Jordan, Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) chief John F. Snedeker, and Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti, Frank called upon them to issue written orders to all law enforcement officers in the state apprising them of the significance of the SJC decision.

Frank told Jordan, "Now that private sex acts are no longer a crime, the justification for police officers reading *Phoenix* ads and putting on tight pants and tee-shirts in dark places . . . totally disappears."

In his letter to MDC Commissioner Snedeker, Frank said, "Circulation of

this text and its meaning to your officers should be very helpful. . . ." The MDC has been the most troublesome police force for gay people of any in the state this year.

Frank called upon Bellotti to take action to inform every other police department in Massachusetts of the court ruling. "I am writing to urge you to take the appropriate steps to make this decision known to law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth. Action by you to circulate the text and meaning of this decision . . . will, I think, prevent a number of civil liberties violations from happening. . . ."

The *Scagliotti* decision affirmed the right of adults in Massachusetts to engage in consensual, private sexual activity without fear of arrest. "A consensual unnatural act must be committed in a public place in order to be punishable (under state law)," wrote the Court.

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'MIND-WARPED QUEERS'

SALT LAKE CITY — A Utah Supreme Court judge has denounced "mind warped queers" in his opinion upholding the Salt Lake City obscenity ordinance. In his statement Justice Albert Ellett asserted, "If the judges [who decide in favor of pornography] have not the good sense and decency to resign from their positions as judges, they should be removed either by impeachment or by the vote of decent people of the constituency . . . It would appear that such an argument [in favor of pornography] ought to be advanced by depraved, mentally deficient, mind-warped queers."

'UNCONVINCING'

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Tavern Guild is not calling off its boycott of Coors Beer after a meeting between members of the gay organization and a public relations representative of the Colorado beer company. A Coors public relations person and two gay employees met with Tavern Guild members at the 527 Club last week. The Coors spokesperson told the Tavern Guild that reports that Coors used polygraph tests to weed out potential gay employees were untrue. He asserted that union documentation that prospective employees were asked about their sexuality were "put-up jobs." The two gay employees told the group that "gay people are all over" at Coors, "having a ball."

However, the Coors presentation did not convince Tavern Guild president Lenny Mollett who told the Coors representatives, "You haven't proved anything to us." Coors sales have been declining in California since rumors began to circulate that the Coors brothers — who have contributed to many right-wing causes in the past — were contributing money to Anita Bryant. Coors has denied the charge.

According to one person who attended the meeting, "it looks like Coors is running scared. At the very least, this boycott has opened up an opportunity for Coors to talk to the gay community."

LESBIAN TEENAGE GROUP

BOSTON — A personal/growth support group for young women is beginning at Janus Counseling. The group, which will meet on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30, will explore relationships with parents, friends, and lovers, self-image, and the relevance of the women's movement.

The group will run for eight weeks. For more information, call Gail or Sylvia at 661-2537.

SURVEYING GAY HEALTH

BOSTON — In an effort to identify and meet the health care needs of Boston's gay male and lesbian population, the Gay Health Collective is conducting a health care survey. The survey (which is printed in this issue of GCN), will be distributed to a broad cross-section of gay people in and around Boston. Some 20,000 questionnaires are now being distributed throughout the Boston area, at bars, baths, organizations and businesses. In addition to the Collective, the Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS) is contributing to the study.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

WASHINGTON — In accordance with a joint congressional resolution, President Carter has proclaimed the week of Nov. 20 National Family Week. In his proclamation, the President stated, "The family teaches us responsibility and compassion, encourages our best effort, and forgives our failures."

P-TOWN'S MOTHER MARIAN DEAD

PROVINCETOWN — Ms. Marian (Mother Marian) Griffin, who ran a gay guest house at 21-A Franklin St. here, is dead at 75 years of age. A fun-loving tea drinker, Ms. Griffin lived in Provincetown for 28 years, where she was connected with the Town House. "She created a home-like atmosphere and invited people to her own home," said one person who was fond of her. "She loved life and will be missed by her many friends."

Ms. Griffin is survived by her daughter Marian, a daughter June, a son John, one grandson, and two great grand-children.

THE BIG SPLASH

BOSTON — On Dec. 6 the Gay Business Association and Gay Legislation are sponsoring an evening of entertainment, refreshments and education for the Boston Community at the New England Aquarium, at 7:30 p.m. All local businesses that welcome gay clients and gay organizations are invited to display their services in the area around the main fish tank. In order to reserve space, which must be done in advance, please call 247-3431 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Tickets for this event are available by mail at \$5.00 each by writing to "The Big Splash," New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110. Checks should be made payable to "The Big Splash." Tickets may also be bought at local organizations and businesses or picked up at the GCN office.

DO YOU SEE?

Evans and Novak

An ugly little incident in the streets of Manhattan three nights before the New York mayoral election helped explain a faintly understood by-product of the long campaign: the establishment of the city's organized homosexuals as another pressure group to be appeased by politicians.

The incident involved campaign workers putting up posters for Liberal party candidate Mario Cuomo, who belatedly had broken with the homosexual movement. The Cuomo workers were pushed aside by self-styled "gay" activists, who pulled down the posters. It was not the first instance here of homosexuals resorting to physical force.

That is one reason why practical politicians believe Cuomo may be New York's last serious candidate to even hint at challenging homosexual political legitimacy. "It is a loser, believe me," one experienced politician, soon to be waging a campaign here, told us. Thus, a sexual aberration traditionally rejected by Western values takes its place in New York, as it did previously in San Francisco, beside racial and ethnic groups as a political "minority" to be courted by politicians.

This in part was unintentionally caused by Cuomo, who was labelled the fresh political newcomer who would invigorate the city but proved another good man who is a poor candidate. Indeed, "gay" power might have been blocked as an established pressure group had Cuomo heeded a key adviser: Adam Walinsky, boy wonder aide to Robert F. Kennedy a decade ago and later Democratic nominee for state attorney general. . . .

Militant homosexuals marched in the city's streets a dozen times in October alone — protesting in each case an anti-homosexual

POLICE IN QUANDARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The District of Columbia Police Department is attempting to decide how to deal with a police officer who is undergoing hormone treatments as a prelude to sex change surgery, the *Washington Post* reports. The police officer has been undergoing hormone treatments at Johns Hopkins Hospital for the last year and a half. During the last two months, his police powers have been revoked and he has been reassigned to clerical work. The department is keeping him at his same salary while it considers what to do next.

The police officer — who has asked to remain anonymous — has praised the department's "big-heartedness" in the case. "When I needed to reach out, when I was really up against it they were there," he said. He told the *Post* that it was his own idea "that I be given a noncontact position, preferably plainclothes." He refused to criticize the department for relieving him of his gun and police powers. "They don't know what they're dealing with either," he said.

The officer indicated that he wishes to remain in the department after his sex-change operation but would not challenge the department if it asked him to leave. "The last thing I would want to do is to bring something that is potentially derogatory to the department . . ." he asserted.

He also indicated that his situation "has nothing to do with homosexuality. If anything, it has been asexual for the last several years, and before that I was heterosexual, as strange as that sounds."

Although police officials have declined to talk to the press about the issue, at least one department official told the *Post* that he could see no grounds for the officer's dismissal. Gay activist and D.C. Human Rights Commission member Frank Kameny believes that the Washington human rights law would bar such a firing. The law prohibits employers from discharging employees for a host of reasons, including sex and sexual preference.

utterance. The intimidation of New York politicians, never renowned for their moral fiber, was palpable.

Those politicians now talked about an organized homosexual vote of 10 per cent. In fact, it may be half that amount and not organized at all, but image is more important than reality. The advent of gay power was confirmed by a favorable article in the Oct. 25 *New York Times* under the headline: "Homosexuals in New York Find Pride."

It was then, improbably, that Cuomo began to worry aloud that the gay rights bill might enable homosexual proselytizing in the schoolroom, just as Walinsky had warned six months earlier. But by not making clear that expansionist homosexuality threatens the society, he seemed a desperate politician aiding a reprehensible smear campaign.

Fuzzy though it was, Cuomo's criticism was intolerable for the organized homosexuals, who began ripping down his posters. That response, plus election postmortems equating legitimate concern over homosexual activism with illegitimate personal smears against Koch, shapes the future.

Candidates will fulfill political demands of homosexuals as they have for racial minorities, following the New York ground rule that politicians must give to everybody but take from none. That rule so far has brought the city to economic collapse. Now applied to the homosexuals, it threatens the perception of New York by its remaining middle-class residents as a place where traditional values can be preserved.

—from Rowland Evans and Robert Novak's syndicated column, reprinted in the *Providence Journal*, Nov. 16, 1977.

Unitarians Merge Office, Name Coordinator

By Mark DeWolfe

BOSTON — The Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) voted at its meeting here Oct. 22 to consolidate its Office of Gay Concerns (OGC) into a new Office of Social Responsibility. Under the new plan, proposed by the new UUA president Rev. Paul Carnes, the OGC will be the responsibility of the new Office's associate director, Robert P. Wheatly. Wheatly, who has previously served as full-time Executive Director of the denomination's Committee on Aging, will divide his time between gay concerns and issues of aging. The OGC had previously been headed by a full-time director, Arlie Scott, who resigned over the summer.

Members of the Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus attended the meeting and spoke against the new plan, in favor of a full-time director of gay concerns. The new proposal cuts both people-power and funding for the gay office by about 50%. Despite that and the objections of several trustees (among them openly gay Trustee-at-Large Frank Robertson, minister of education at All Souls Church in Washington, D.C.), the board voted to implement the consolidation.

According to an article in the *Unitarian Universalist World*, members of the Board voiced concern that the OGC "would lose its identity at a time when the Anita Bryants make visibility of the office more important than

ever." Carnes gave assurances, however, that the office would not lose its identity.

Carnes, who was previously the minister of the Unitarian church in Buffalo, N.Y., assumes the presidency following his election last June. During his campaign, the Buffalo area Mattachine Society gave him a letter of commendation for his ministry in Buffalo.

Wheatly, 58, left the Unitarian parish ministry in 1955 because, as he put it, "I was gay . . . where was I to go?" He worked in business in the personnel field, then became a community organizer. Before joining the UUA's Committee on Aging last March, he had spent the previous five years working in Cambridge, organizing locally around the needs of the elderly. He has long been active in social action in the Unitarian Universalist church, and is "glad now that I have a chance to do some of the things I've done for others for myself, namely, speak for my own liberation as a gay person." The following interview took place in his apartment in Cambridge on Nov. 8.

RPW: I think there's some logic in what the (UUA) administration says it's trying to do, namely, pull all of its social concerns into some sort of manageable whole. . . . The negative part comes in the seeming cut in the OGC budget. . . . Yet I believe we can make greater impact in areas where the churches feel they've been neglected,



Photo by Ken Robb

Bob Wheatly

namely in services to churches and individual gay UU's. What Arlie [Scott] was doing was concentrating her attention on legislative things and women's issues; and she did not develop educational materials to any great extent, or services to congregations.

[I also want to] organize communications between various [local] caucuses and between individual gays. There's a whole network of things to be done . . . providing help to ministers in creating supportive places for gay people to come out, (for instance).

GCN: How has the Unitarian-Universalist Gay Caucus reacted to your appointment?

RPW: The Caucus members first of all are not sure who I am, so I hope I can allay that suspicion and lack of

trust. . . . I think when we meet together Nov. 19-20 we'll have an opportunity to establish the kind of dialogue that's been totally lacking since the OGC was established. That's my first priority. I think it's really been bad that Caucus members have been kept separate from the Office and the administration.

I hope we can work out a trusting, understanding relationship with dialogue on how we can best use our resources: money, staff, talents. . . . I hope we won't become factionalized; we're too damn few as it is.

We're the first denomination that's ever had to work out this kind of relationship. Among standard church bodies, with the exception of MCC which is a different set-up entirely, there are no other Protestant or Catholic denominations that have administration/hierarchy approval of what they're doing in this field and at the same time a number of advocacy groups (like our local caucuses). This is all ground-breaking. I hope we might establish a pattern for how other denominations might do advocacy work among gays.

I think that the Caucus and the administration have looked at each other as being in an adversary relationship. The Caucus had to work, really hard, lobbying to get the OGC established. Yet I was surprised to find this separatism, and I'd like see it changed.

Providence Ponders Discrimination Ordinance

By Ed Miskevich

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Ordinance Committee of the Providence City Council will hold public hearings starting Nov. 29 on the city's proposed anti-discrimination ordinance. The ordinance, submitted by the Providence Human Relations Commission, would ban discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, handicap, age, country of origin, and sexual orientation. It would extend to areas of housing, employment, credit and banking, and public accommodations. The proposal would give the Human Relations Commission (PHRC) power to enforce the provisions of the ordinance.

The Council's Ordinance Committee is presently conducting closed-door sessions on the pending legislation, as it does with all proposed municipal laws. The Rhode Island Gay Political Caucus has conferred twice with the committee since the ordinance was suggested in April, and has been informed that there have been two major reasons for the delay. One reason has been negative reaction to the inclusion of a sexual orientation clause, while the other is the physical size of the ordinance, about twenty pages in length. It is a more complex piece of legislation than the Council would normally deal with on an everyday basis.

If the proposal is enacted, the Providence Human Relations Commission would remain a conciliatory agency, attempting to settle complaints as quickly and as quietly as possible. But the new law would extend the Commission's administrative functions in cases which are not resolved to the complainant's satisfaction. The Commission would then follow administrative procedure involving an investigation, a hearing, and a ruling in order to correct any discrimination which occurred in the past as well as to prevent future discrimination.

In addition, the proposal would elevate the status of the PHRC in order to facilitate close cooperation with

influential state and federal agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission and the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights. Federal support has also been indicated through the approval of a \$35,000 grant to prepare for the administration of the new law during 1977, with the likelihood that federal funding will meet most of the costs of administering the ordinance over the next several years.

The city ordinance was developed in conjunction with a bill submitted by the R.I. Commission on Human Rights to the state legislature. This state version differs from the city ordinance

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Somewhere Dinners Benefit Youth Project

by Richard Burns

BOSTON — The local bar, Somewhere, is currently sponsoring a series of spaghetti dinners to benefit Project Lambda, the organization for gay teenagers. The benefits were initiated by the bar's co-managers Bob White and Ann Maguire, in an effort to convert Somewhere's weekly free spaghetti dinners to a vehicle for community involvement. 500 tickets have been sold in the past month, and the benefits are expected to continue for another month until the target sum of \$1500 has been reached. The dinners are held each Monday evening at 7:30 PM and tickets are available at both Sporters and Somewhere for \$1.50 a piece.

The money has not yet been specifically earmarked but will go toward general expenses of the Project. "The gay community has a responsibility to youth, to take care of our own," said Somewhere's Bob White. "I feel that Randy Gibson has done a lot of good for kids; he's the only one who has taken on this responsibility."

Rev. Gibson told GCN that the money would go for "telephones, stamps, and other general expenses." "The money is definitely a step in the



Photo by Angela Russo

Somewhere's Bob White

right direction, it's a start to alert the community to be responsible," he said, "But let's face it. You can't hire a staffperson with that money and it's 1/150th of our previous budget. But it means a lot in terms of expressing an interest in the kids, and the kids will have a strong voice in how this money is spent." Gibson also indicated that

community financial support for the Project might help Lambda in getting money from foundations.

Located at The Charles St. Meetinghouse, Lambda provides peer counseling and support for Boston's gay youth. The Project was begun approximately three and a half years ago and was supported by a combination of government and foundation funding. All funding was discontinued a year ago, and despite repeated applications to foundations for funds, no more money has been forthcoming. Since that time the Project has continued marginally and is at present held together by Randy Gibson and two volunteers, Kathy Travers and Joe Miller.

Because of financial pressures the program has been reduced to a minimum, basically consisting now of a Saturday drop-in center and rap group. There are between twenty and thirty youths currently involved in the Project; some are court referrals, teens who have been picked up by the police for hustling or cross-dressing, but most are walk-ins who have read about Lambda or heard about it from their friends. According to Kevin George, one of the participants in the program,

the center has become "a place where kids meet kids, it's mildly therapeutic . . . since the loss of funding Lambda is no longer set up to deal with serious problems . . . we can only provide peer support now."

Expanding the program significantly would necessarily involve hiring at least one staff member at an estimated cost of \$12,000 per year (\$8,000 in salary and \$4,000 in fringes, etc.). Maintaining The Charles St. Meetinghouse itself requires approximately \$25,000 per year, and at the moment Project Lambda contributes nothing toward this cost.

Somewhere's Ann Maguire emphasizes that "attending the dinners is a simple way people can help gay teenagers, by helping the program that helps them." This support is emotional as well as financial; as Kevin George puts it: "previously the community ignored Project Lambda and the problems of gay youth . . . now they're beginning to show they really care about us."

In addition to its weekly spaghetti dinners, Somewhere is sponsoring a traditional New England Thanksgiving Dinner to benefit Project Lambda.

Harassment at Ken's— Financing Our Own Oppression

When you're yearning for a bagel at midnight, or suddenly are overcome with the munchies after the bars close, it's well-known in Boston that Ken's Restaurant in Copley Square pretty much has the local gay market cornered. And gay people should patronize Ken's because the management is so receptive to its gay customers, right?

Wrong. Over the last several months, there has been a clear and undeniable pattern of harassment of gay people at this popular restaurant. Gays have been arbitrarily placed in "protective custody" and arrested for "disorderly conduct" by the paid detail Boston police officer on duty at the restaurant. This officer is paid for his services by Ken's.

Most bars and restaurants in the downtown area have some sort of security to protect their patrons at night, and that is quite reasonable. Some of the gay bars in the city employ armed guards with police powers, but, no gay people are arrested. Clearly, the officers on duty at Ken's are acting on orders from the management.

State Rep. Mel King is to be commended for demanding an investigation of the charges against the officers on duty at this restaurant. We hope for the best,

but it has been our experience in these matters that such complaints boil down to a your-word-against-mine battle that leaves both sides frustrated, and nothing more.

The action we suggest is more direct, and maybe a little harsh, but it should prove effective: Gay people should seriously consider not patronizing Ken's until its management begins to act in a manner that is satisfactorily responsive to the gay community. This restaurant is reaping many thousands of dollars in profits from gay patronage, and is thanking the gay community for it by paying a police officer to arrest us!

What would happen if all gay people stopped going to Ken's after eleven o'clock? What would happen if all the gay people who spend thousands of dollars there every night simply ordered coffee and occupied a table for an hour? Or better yet, what if gay people transferred their substantial business to other establishments in the area which have indicated that they welcome gay patronage?

These sound like angry responses, and that is because they are. The gay community does not have to subject itself to this type of harassment and abuse. Unless gay people consider taking action against Ken's Restaurant, we are financing our own continued oppression. Think about it.

—community voice—

superstar carpetbaggers

Dear GCN:

Those of us who live in San Francisco's fifth election district have just elected an up-front Gay man, Harvey Milk, to our Board of Supervisors (city council). Sad to say, his election was opposed by two Gay superstars who backed more conservative candidates. Leonard Matlovich flew here to hustle for Gay lawyer Rick Stokes, the wealthy past co-owner of the Ritch Street Baths. Stokes was the candidate of Gay real estate speculators, who are rapidly driving many poor renters, especially Blacks, out of the city, as well as being the choice of the reactionary millionaire David Goodstein (and his machine flunky Jim Foster). David Kopay, not to be outdone, jogged into town to campaign for his old straight buddy, the ex-jock Bob St. Clair, who was the most conservative of the top contenders, and who is a front man for the new breed of rip-off merchants along Haight Street. Harvey Milk, on the other hand, ran as an independent populist, enjoying wide backing from trade unions, working people, small shop owners, and even many socialists and feminists.

I am angry at these Gay superstars for throwing their weight on the side of money and privilege. If they want to keep their high positions in the Gay community, I suggest they put their energy into resisting straight oppression, and not into carpet-bagging for well heeled conservatives.

Sincerely,

Arthur Evans
San Francisco



matter in any detail, but simply to amplify a reference to me made by Bill Weintraub in a recent letter. He correctly pointed out that I declined openly to oppose Rep. John Toomey for re-election when Sandra Graham challenged him, and I suppose it is also accurate to say, as Bill did, that I did so because I owed Toomey a "political favor." But while accurate, the phrase "political favor" is also vague, covering a multitude of potential relationships.

Therefore, I want to explain that the favor which I had solicited from John Toomey, and which he granted me, was his vote in 1973 in favor of creating a Black Senate district in Boston. Until then, racial gerrymandering had kept the Black Community from any Senate representation. Governor Sargent vetoed a bill which perpetuated that gerrymander and we faced a very difficult fight in trying to sustain that veto. John Toomey was one of a few Democrats who defied enormous leadership pressure to vote with us on the vote, thus allowing us to force creation of a Black Senate seat.

Having solicited that vote from him, I did not feel I could openly oppose his re-election without seriously impairing my ability to persuade other members of the House to vote with the progressive side on other tough issues in the future.

Sincerely,

(Rep.) Barney Frank

transvestite at the saints

An Open Letter to the Gay Community:

Why must the oppressed become the oppressor? Why must the victims of ignorance and prejudice victimize others? Why must two lesbians and their guest be harassed by the management of one of the two most popular women's bars in Boston?

On a recent Wednesday evening, I went with my lover and a guest to the Saints. We arrived about 1:00 a.m. for a drink to cap off an enjoyable evening. Within ten minutes of our arrival we were approached three separate times by two management people to tell us that we were unwelcome and should go elsewhere. Meanwhile the patrons of the bar greeted us with emotions ranging from indifference to love (a few of our friends were there).

What then was the cause of this seemingly inappropriate hostility from the management? Our guest, Jan, is a transvestite and was dressed femme. Although the femme Jan dresses, acts, and identifies as a woman, she was not accepted as such by the management of the woman's bar, the Saints.

This raises an interesting question in my mind of what exactly constitutes the woman who would be acceptable to the management at the Saints? Is it the heterosexual woman in the bar on a lark? Is it the straight woman in the bar to gawk at the queers? Are these women more desirable than our friend, Jan?

I presume the objection to Jan is that she is not a biological (XX) female but that raises another interesting question. What do we do about an XXX female? And would the Saints accept an XO female (Turner's Syndrome)? She after all may not have breasts or ovaries but the medical profession designates her female. Then of course we have the XXY male. Could he go to the Saints? He may have a penis but after all he also has those two Xs we are looking for. Then one has to wonder how the management would treat the woman with a radical mastectomy? Would she pass the test?

In summary, I understand the rationale, desirability, and need of having a space for women. I myself have patronized and enjoyed the Saints practically since its inception. But I believe a woman is more than a pair of chromosomes and a set of secondary sexual characteristics. I believe women represent a wide range of

biological and behavioral variations. I believe that my friend Jan is included in that spectrum and ought to be welcome at one of the best woman's bars in Boston.

In Sisterhood,

Christine

cc: The Saints
Gay Community News



from the revolutionary faction

Dear GCN:

We are the former Revolutionary Faction of the Lavender and Red Union/Red Flag Union (LRU/RFU) referred to in your recent article "Gays and the Left: Old Views, No News," and we'd like to let you and your readers know a little of our history and what we're doing now.

We began to work together last spring as a minority grouping in the LRU/RFU over the issue of the class nature of Russia, China, Cuba, and the other Stalinist states. We hold the view that these countries are state capitalist. The majority of the group believed Russia to be a de-generated workers' state and the others to be deformed workers' states.

By early summer we found we differed about gay liberation as well. The majority by this time had adopted the Spartacist League (SL) view on

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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, GCN will be laying out the newspaper on Wednesday night, instead of our usual Thursday. Mailing will be held, as usual, on Friday evening, however. The advertising deadline for the paper will be Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m.

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gay liberation. While formally supporting democratic rights for gays, the SL in practice attempts to dump the issue altogether. By contrast, we believe that a revolutionary party should view liberation struggles as a strengthening of its own efforts and not as a threat. We want to find ways to combine the struggle for gay liberation with the struggle for socialist revolution so that we may achieve both.

In mid-June our differences led to an open split with the majority and the dissolution of the LRU/RFU. Most of the majority faction joined the SL.

Since that time, we have moved closer politically to the Revolutionary Socialist League (RSL), a party which shares our views on both the nature of the Stalinist states and the importance of gay liberation. In contrast to the SL's orientation toward middle-class intellectuals, the RSL is based in the working class and is completely committed to building a party in that class.

As sympathizers of the RSL, we have continued to work together in the last several months, organizing a study class among some of our comrades in Los Angeles and participating in demonstrations against gay oppression, police abuse, and the Bakke decision. We look forward to a closer relationship with the RSL and to expanded activities in the months ahead.

We'd like to hear from you and your readers and welcome your further inquiries and comments. You can write to us at P.O. Box 327, Hollywood, California 90028. Thanks for your interest.

Gay Pearlman
for the Revolutionary Faction

brill vs. noble

Dear GCN:
I have just reread David Brill's column on Elaine Noble and all the letters about it since printed, and one fact stands out: no one except Tom Conolly even tried to dispute David's facts, and his criticism was nit-picking. Elaine's "Open Letter" begins by saying David's piece was "full of inaccuracies" but doesn't point any of them out; rather, it degenerates into a personal attack on David which fills two columns. David's column may have been personal, but every word was relevant to the issue at hand. Since no one, not even Elaine, has pointed out a serious error, I assume that the vicious attacks on David are a reaction to his exposure of the real Elaine Noble. I happen to believe that David was motivated by a hatred of women, but that unfortunate fact does not detract from the factuality or importance of the article.

Elaine and others have criticized David for violating "a very old code, respected by the entire gay community," presumably by stating that Ms. Fareri is her lover when she had not acknowledged this publicly. I must say that I am entirely unaware of any such code; the code I know says that one does not expose relationships or any other evidence of homosexuality when the people involved are in the closet, which Ms. Noble and Ms. Fareri are not. Certainly if Elaine's love life is influencing her politically we are entitled to know; politicians are entitled to privacy only in areas that are truly private.

Yours truly,
Loftin E. Elvey, Jr.



Cartoon by Bob Wellington

Providence Ponders

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in that it excludes a sexual orientation clause. The executive secretary of that Commission has indicated that it was his view that this issue would be too controversial at this time and would be presented as an amendment at a later date, based on the success of the Providence ordinance.

The lengthy deliberation of the Ordinance Committee has given ample opportunity for the large number of gay people in the Providence area to voice support of the inclusion of a sexual orientation problem. Yet in comparison with the recent effort in Massachusetts, many feel Rhode Island gay support has been weak. One reason for this lack of support may be that the ordinance has been publicized as a comprehensive anti-discrimination ordinance, not as a gay rights ordinance, in order to win community support.

Rallying Support

A Nov. 5 rally drew about 150 people to the meeting hall of the First Unitarian Church on Benefit Street, near the Brown University campus. Student support was conspicuously invisible from the liberal, Ivy League school. Support from local gay bars was also not as great as many had hoped. The Fife and Drum, one of the oldest and most popular bars in the area, would not allow members of the R.I. Gay Political Caucus to disseminate literature among patrons of the bar, but it did host a reception after the rally. Another establishment, the Mirabar, refused to post even one sign announcing the rally. Nevertheless, through the efforts of the Gay Community Services of Rhode Island and the leadership of John Gaffney and Kathy Gorman, the attendance and energy of the rally was considered an

encouraging step for gay politics in Rhode Island.

Introducing the lineup of speakers at the rally was Marge Ragona, new MCC minister for the city of Providence. Also addressing the rally were Mike Dollinger, the Rhode Island director of the American Civil Liberties Union; Ben Little, executive director of the Providence Human Rights Commission; John Ward, Boston attorney who is active in the Cambridge Gay Political Caucus; and Boston Rep. Elaine Noble.

People interested in writing letters of support for the proposed anti-discrimination ordinance should write: Robert J. Haxton, President of Providence City Council; Vincent J. Cirelli, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee; Mayor Vincent Cianci, all at City Hall, Providence, R.I. 02903.

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By Harold Pickett

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NEW YORK — Sunday, Nov. 6, local police in White Plains were dispatched to Court Street, the local gay cruising area, supposedly to attempt to catch robbers who have been preying on gay men. As of yet, no robbers have been apprehended, although the undercover police have arrested at least five men on such charges as sexual abuse and loitering. One soldier was arrested and charged with prostitution.

Joe Kennedy, Chair of the Gay Activists Alliance Political Action Committee, reports that local Chief of Police, Bernard Seit, asserted, "police are sent to get the robbers and not to harass gays, but if we see crimes we have to make arrests." Seit is reported as later saying "if we can't prevent the assaults, we'll have to remove the gays." The attempt to 'protect' gays began around five weeks before the last election in which Mayor Delveccio was running for his re-election.

Kennedy sent a letter on Nov. 7th to Capt. Seit stating he felt "it's obvious from news reports, from statements from the lawyer representing some of the arrested men, and from reading be-

tween the lines that, regardless of any pretense, the situation is plain old-fashioned entrapment." Kennedy also threatened in the letter to bring a lawsuit based on the pattern of illegal entrapment tactics and to make the issue a *cause celebre* with thousands of demonstrators traveling to White Plains.

A copy of the letter was sent to the reporter who wrote the original story about the arrests of the gay men which appeared in the *Westchester-Rockland News*. The letter appeared in the paper under the headline "Gays Threaten Mass March In White Plains." This story was picked up by the Associated Press and reported by several New York radio stations. Kennedy says the *New York Post* has phoned him, planning to do a story as well.

Capt. Seit has declined to say specifically whether or not the harassment has ended, but that the police search for the robbers will continue. He denied Kennedy's charges, saying that he wants no trouble in White Plains.

Kennedy says the Captain's shift of emphasis "is exciting." He recalls GAA's widely reported visit to the sub-

urban Scarsdale home of Adam Walinsky, a Cuomo adviser and the author of an anti-gay rights article that appeared in the *Daily News*. There was also the *Time Magazine* "Gay Goons" article which mentioned GAA's zap of Georgies Bar to remove the "Fairy Swatter" sign. "Such militant activities have given GAA a real credibility," Kennedy feels, and he believes that gays are now perceived more as "a real minority-group force to be contended with."

The *Anita Bryant Story*, the singer's new book, also makes mention of recent GAA activities. One page in the book refers to the Walinsky and Geordie actions as the super-militant zaps that she fears, obviously a build-up of *Time's* "Gay Goons." When he heard the Anita write-up, Kennedy said, "I feel good about that. Our place in history is secured."

On Oct. 30, Greenwich Village police attempted to break up a gathering of more than 100 people on Christopher Street who were watching a street performer. It was reported that people were "verbally and physically abused" and that the police made "homophobic" remarks. Since then, Captain Rosenthal of the Sixth Precinct has stated that he has verbally reprimanded his officers, that he is reinstating rap sessions between police and gays, and

that he is recruiting gays for volunteer auxiliary street patrol. Capt. Rosenthal has scheduled meetings with members of gay activist groups.

Wally Hoffman, treasurer of GAA, informed me of the following incident, related to him by an eyewitness. On Nov. 5, Saturday afternoon before the elections, Rep. Vincent Riccio was campaigning on a Brooklyn street corner. Riccio, a Conservative, opposed open-gay candidate Gary Deane for one of the two at-large Brooklyn City Council seats and had been vocal in his opposition to gay rights. As Riccio stood campaigning, a car pulled up and stopped. Four or five men jumped out. One said, "So, you're going to call in Anita Bryant to help you! Take this!" With that they proceeded to attack and physically beat Riccio before making a quick exit in their car. When Hoffman heard this story, he felt it might have been staged by Riccio, himself, in order to gain sympathy and support. Since Hoffman never saw any mention of the attack in the 'straight' press, where it would undoubtedly have appeared if the intention was to gain Riccio support, he now doesn't question the motives and accepts the eyewitness report as it was relayed to him. At this writing, it's the first mention that I've heard of the incident.

Wichita Catholics Fear Anti-Gay Bishop's Wrath

WICHITA, Kan. — Fear is keeping Wichita priests and laity from publicly dissenting from Diocese Bishop David Maloney's vow to defy the city's recently enacted gay rights ordinance, the *National Catholic Reporter* writes. Shortly after the Wichita City Council passed a gay rights ordinance protecting the civil rights of homosexuals in housing, employment, and public accommodations earlier this month, the Bishop urged all Catholics to join him in "prayer and in active works" toward the ordinance's repeal. "We shall not hire, and we shall readily discharge any person in our employ who practices or advocates sexual con-

duct contrary to the clearly established teachings of the Roman Catholic Church," Bishop Maloney announced.

One older priest told *NCR* that "I've got too many years invested in the priesthood to voice my opinion," while a younger priest stated that "I think everybody is scared to say anything involving myself; you'd get your head chopped off." Any priest speaking out in favor of the ordinance or even questioning Maloney's stance would be fired, several priests asserted. They noted that the Bishop's position is even more intimidating because he rarely speaks out on public issues.

The Catholic Worker community in

Wichita — all laypeople — issued a strongly-worded statement in favor of the ordinance, however. This action came after Maloney's position became known. "Maloney's actions have forced us to take an active role in our Catholicism," said Marge Boyer who signed the pro-gay statement. "If we had a liberal bishop we probably wouldn't need to take this stand."

Martin Mendoza, a spokesperson for Wichita's brand-new Dignity chapter, warned that "A sense of paranoia has swept Catholics sympathetic to gays. I'm very concerned about the teachers I know in Catholic schools who are either gay or support the ordinance."



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Activist Al Bouchard — Controversial Figure

By Anthony Domenick

BOSTON — Al Bouchard, President of the Human Achievement Foundation, and the main force behind attempts to start a community center in Boston, has become a controversial figure in the gay community.

Bouchard, a soft-spoken, reserved man in his 40s, has been involved with gay rights for more than 15 years. He is the founder of and, since 1975, has been President of the Human Achievement Foundation, a non-profit organization. The Foundation, which began on the West coast, has an office based in Los Angeles. There he developed and constructed courses in meditation and psychic healing. According to Bouchard, the Foundation's primary goal at this time is, "to develop self-discovery courses for gays."

The Human Achievement Foundation is the umbrella organization for three divisions. They are the Gay Education Service which deals with social, education and cultural programs; The Outreach Program, a center for transvestites, transsexuals and cross-dressers; and a Meditation Center for straights as well as gays. The Gay Education Service also sponsors a weekly course, "Inside the Gay Experience."

In the past year Bouchard has unsuccessfully attempted to encourage organizations such as the Gay Men's Center to join the Human Achievement Foundation. The Men's Center rejected joining because, according to the Foundation's policy, "Any organization who becomes an affiliate with the Gay Education Service is obligated to contribute 5% of its gross income for administrative purposes." The proposed new Community Center would also be part of the Gay Education Service. GCN has contacted several members of the gay community familiar with Bouchard and, although they agree there is a need for a Community Center, they object to the possibility that Bouchard would receive a percentage for his involvement.

To these allegations, Bouchard replies, "I don't owe the gay community anything and they don't owe me anything. There are plenty of people who have made a living off the gay community and justifiably so. I have not made a living off the gay community."

Under Bouchard's leadership, three exploratory meetings have already been held to discuss the need for a Gay Community Center in Boston. "There is a need," Bouchard says, "for the gay people in Boston to come together, to get in touch with themselves and do some evaluation through a community effort."

People involved with Community Center planning include members from the Fenway Gay Health Collective, Dignity, the defunct Gay Men's Center and the Unitarian Universalist Office for Gay Concerns. The planners have decided to call the community center, "Clearspace": A Center for Lesbian Women and Gay Men.

According to Bouchard, the Gay Center would be a building centrally located in the Boston area merging all the existing gay groups and organizations. Such a center would allow gay organizations to develop a gay library, research center and gay cultural and social programs. Youth, third world, elderly and other divisions focusing attention on specific needs of various groups are also planned as part of the community center.



Photo by Ken Rabb

Al Bouchard

Most people that GCN contacted spoke highly of Bouchard's organizational abilities. According to Larry, an assistant to Bouchard who would not reveal his last name because of fear of loss of his job, "Al is a master of organizational skills and has an amazing amount of foresight. He is working very long and hard hours on this Community Center project, which is long overdue in the gay community."

Eileen Repucci, instructor in the Meditation Center, also praises Bouchard's abilities. "Al has wide experience and talent as instructor and organizer. One of his most outstanding characteristics is that he is open-minded. He has much enthusiasm for bringing gay people together through this Center."

Although there are constituencies in the gay community which obviously recognize the need for groups and organizations to consolidate through a community center, some question Bouchard's motives and methods toward achieving this objective.

Ken Martin, former member of the Board of Coordinators of the Gay Education Service, comments, "I would like to see a Gay Community Center developed but not under Al Bouchard because too many gay people have him under suspicion. It seems to me his interests in the development of the Gay Community Center are strictly for his own personal gain."

Martin resigned from the Board of Coordinators three months ago because of differing philosophies. Bouchard has not accepted his resignation and still considers him a member. When asked why he did not accept Martin's resignation, Bouchard replied, "I asked him to hold off making that decision because I wanted him to see the outcome of the meetings we are holding for the Gay Community Center. The last time I spoke with him this is what I thought he was going to do."

"My biggest gripe," Martin continues, "was that Bouchard never supported any of the gay causes in Boston. For example, he did not support the Gay Carnival or Gay Pride Week. He said he didn't have the time. Being unemployed at the time, I couldn't see how he did not have the time."

Much of the negative feeling toward Bouchard stems from members of the Roundtable, the governing body of the now-defunct Gay Men's Center. Last year Bouchard served as chairperson for the Center's program committee and was a member of the Roundtable as well. In early February of 1976 Bouchard submitted a proposal to the Roundtable for the Center's membership in the Human Achievement Foundation. This would have enabled the Gay Men's Center to become a non-profit organization. The members considered joining the Foundation because, during that time, they were receiving very little support from the gay community and were suffering from a lack of volunteers and poor attendance. By becoming a member of the Foundation they could have maintained their status as a corporation and retained their lease. When Bouchard resigned in December because he wanted more of an "identification with Human Achievement," the Center was still debating whether or not to become an affiliate with the Foundation. However, the Center voted 18-5 in April, 1977 against joining the Foundation.

Reverend Randy Gibson of the Charles Street Universalist Church also disagrees with Bouchard's methods of communicating with people and feels he doesn't have a good perception of what the gay community is in Boston. "Al comes from San Francisco, where there is a large gay ghetto. There is no

gay ghetto here, so the techniques used in San Francisco and New York are simply not going to work here." He continues, "A more militant attitude toward dealing with oppression has to be taken and not to meditate away our anger and hurt. Bouchard brings out the patriarchal bullshit that straight society has laid down on gay people for so long."

Gibson has met with members of the Roundtable to discuss the possibility of creating a separate Gay Community Center. The group is still in its exploratory stage.

Dan Breen, former treasurer of the Men's Center, believes, "Bouchard can be effective, and gets things done but has to be watched. Because I do not feel good about the Human Achievement Foundation, I think there is too much self-interest on the part of Al Bouchard."

On the other hand, Diane Bellavance, member of the Board of Coordinators of the Gay Education Service finds nothing wrong with the possibility that Bouchard's involvement with the gay community might lead to some financial remuneration on his part. "From my experience, it is important to have paid personnel. In this way you can rely upon them to do a good job. There are so many cases whereby organizations have fallen apart because it is so hard to rely on volunteers. I think a Gay Community Center is the best thing that could ever happen to the gay community here. We need to work together on common goals."

The establishment of a Gay Community Center is, for many people, a priority. The critical question centers around Al Bouchard's involvement in a leadership capacity. Whether or not Bouchard might be motivated at least partially by personal gain in this endeavor, he appears to be sincerely working toward fulfilling the needs of the Boston gay community in his way. "For a long time," said Bouchard, "homosexuality has been labelled a mental sickness. I never accepted that point of view. I think we as gay people can come together and deal with our experiences on an educational level without the aid of psychologists or psychiatrists."

4 Gay Rights Backers Elected in Cambridge



Cambridge councillor-elect Mary Ellen Preusser

CAMBRIDGE — Four strong supporters of gay rights have been elected to the nine-person Cambridge City Council, after a week of ballot-counting under the city's complex proportional representation system. The four — Mary Ellen Preusser, Sandra Graham, Frank Duehay, and David Wylie — were all endorsed by Cambridge Convention '77, the city's liberal group, as well as by the Cambridge Gay Political Caucus. However, the Cambridge gay groups No. 1 choice, challenger David Sullivan, missed being elected by eight votes.

Two other councillors, both elected for the first time, are possible "yes" votes for a human rights ordinance, which the Political Caucus plans to introduce. One of the new councillors — Kevin Crane — told the Caucus that he supported anti-discrimination legislation in principle but had reservations over the expense involved for a staff to enforce the ordinance. Another newcomer, Lawrence Frisoli, had told

the Cambridge Gay Caucus that he supported gay rights, but later modified that position in a letter to the *Boston Phoenix* in which he described himself as "open-minded" on the issue.

"We're pleased because we have a good chance to get the ordinance passed," the Cambridge Gay Political Caucus' Hugh Russell told GCN. "We're especially happy that our most vocal supporter, Mary Ellen Preusser, is now on the council and we hope that that will make a big difference."

Also elected to new terms on the council were incumbent Mayor Al Vellucci and incumbent councillors Danahy and Walter Sullivan. Sullivan is opposed to gay rights legislation, while Vellucci and Danahy have not taken positions on the issue.

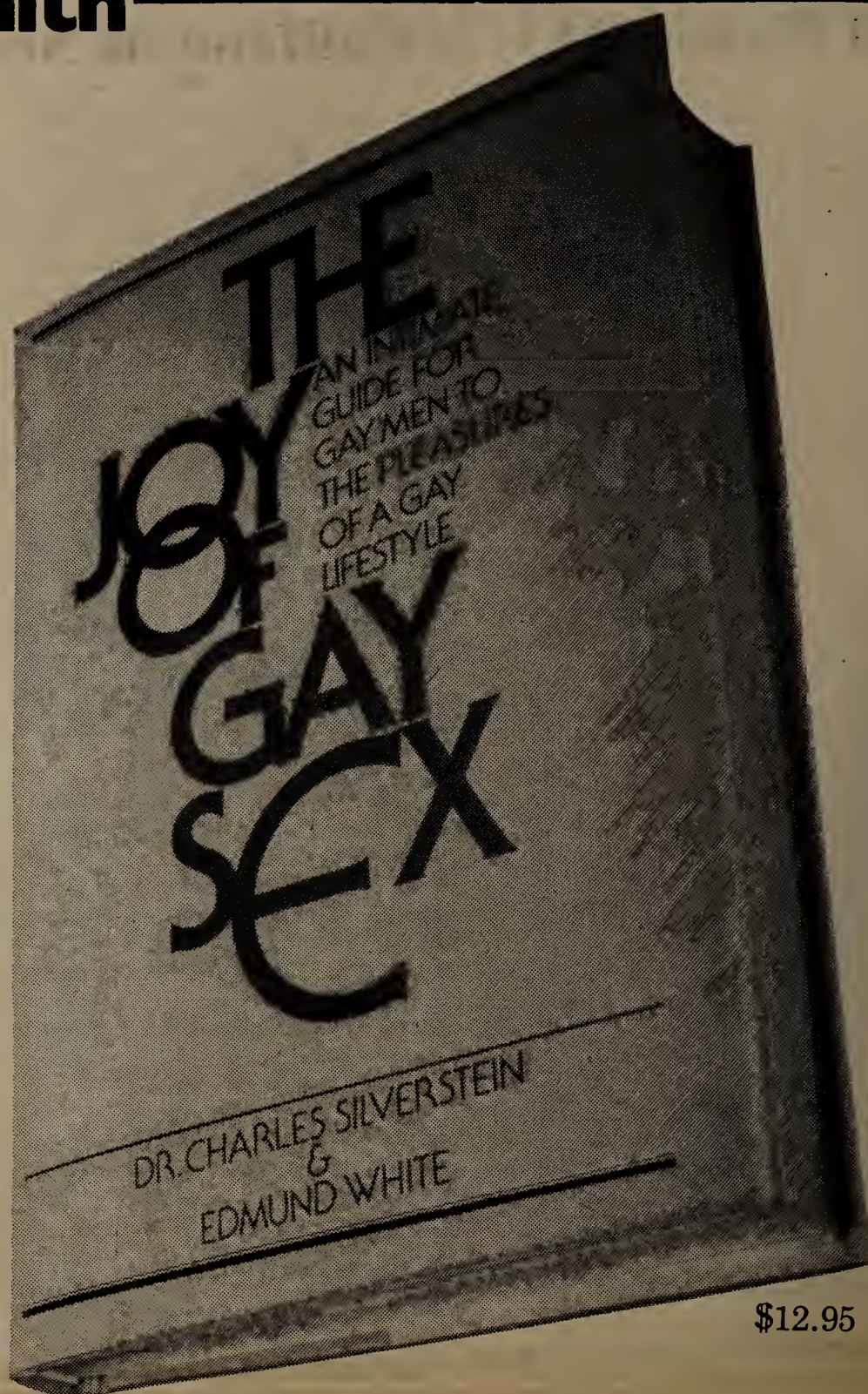
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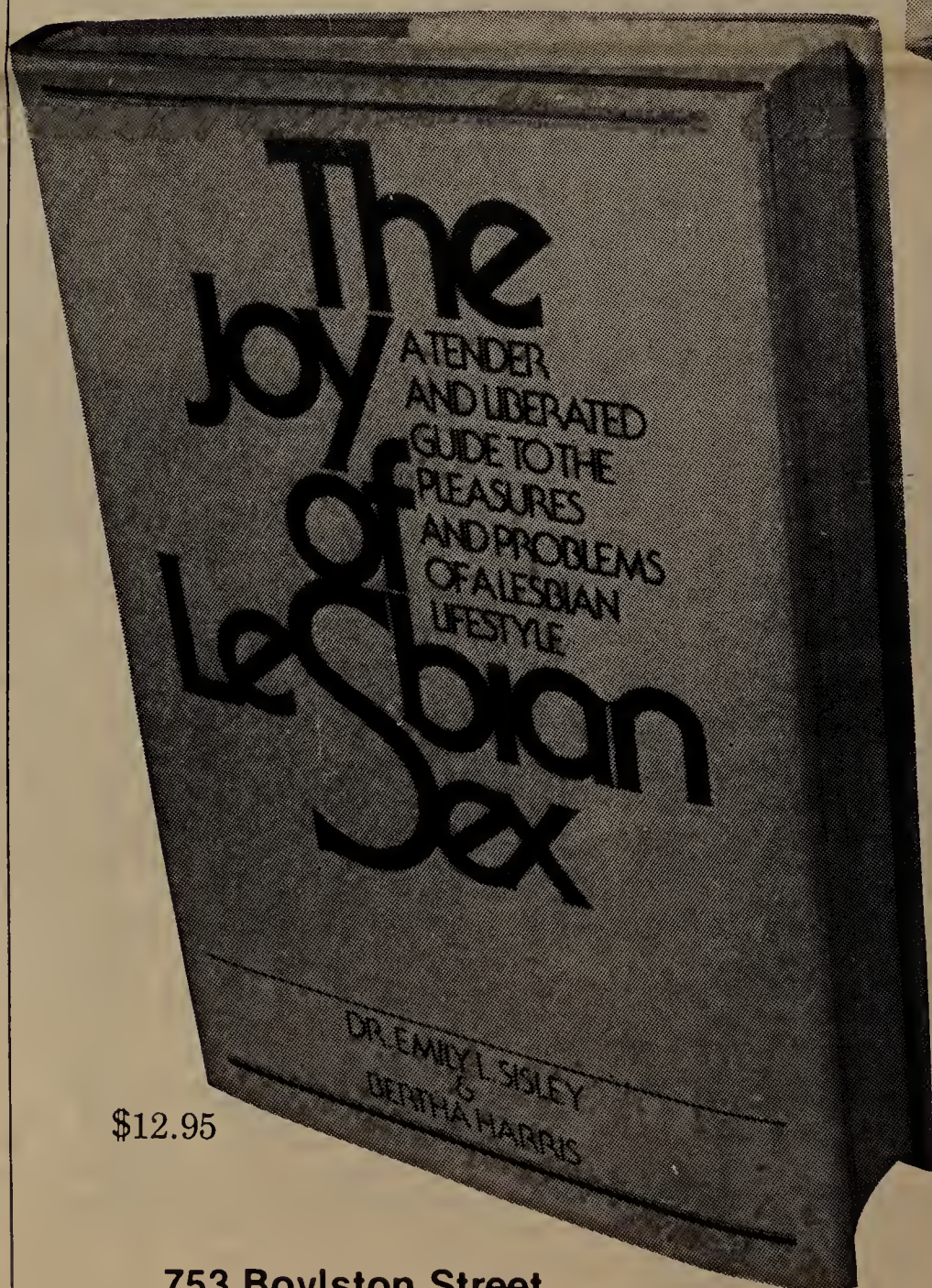


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1500 Picket HEW's Califano in New York

by Harold Pickett

NEW YORK — An estimated 1500 people, protesting cutbacks of Medicaid funds for abortion, demonstrated on November 12 at New York University Law School where HEW Secretary Joseph Califano was the guest and speaker that day.

The demonstration, called by the

November 12th Abortion Rights Coalition, was sponsored by NOW, National Lawyers Guild, NYU Law Women and the Coalition for Abortion and Against Sterilization Abuse, among others. It was endorsed by the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

Organizers of the protest charged the Carter Administration and the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare with

“eagerly enforcing the Hyde Amendment’s cut-off of federal funds for abortions in a way which will lead to the death and maiming of countless women. Poor women are the first and most vulnerable victims of a campaign to take away every woman’s hard-won right to abortion.”

Photographer Bettye Lane reported that at one point during Califano’s

speech, about a dozen women law students inside the auditorium rose in protest holding coat-hangers above their heads. She estimated that at least 75% of the audience was opposed to Califano’s position.

A small counter-demonstration of about 20 people assembled with signs welcoming and supporting Califano.

Anti-Gay University President Gets \$5,000

By Don Barrett

NEWARK, Del. — E. A. Trabant, the president of the University of Delaware who was personally assessed \$5,000 in damages in the case of a gay teacher who was fired by the university, has received an identical amount of money from the university’s board of trustees.

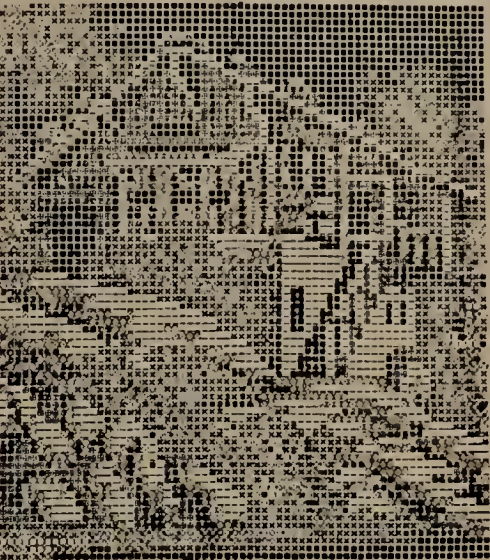
The teacher, Richard Aumiller, was dismissed as the university’s theatre director in 1976 for allegedly making statements advocating homosexuality. Aumiller, who was adviser to the gay students’ group, revealed that he was gay in an interview with the student newspaper. In the court case that

followed, U.S. District Court Judge Murray Schwartz awarded Aumiller back pay and punitive damages, including \$5000 in damages from Trabant. In his findings, Schwartz wrote that, “. . . because President Trabant demonstrated a malicious and wanton disregard for Aumiller’s constitutional rights by his actions, he will be ordered to pay Aumiller punitive damages in the amount of \$5,000.”

The money was collected from individual members of the board of trustees this past summer and presented to Trabant. The chairperson of the board said that Trabant was acting

with the knowledge of the executive committee of the board and should not therefore be penalized personally.

The action of the trustees has drawn criticism from the university community as well as from the local gay community. In a recent editorial, the campus newspaper, *The Review*, wrote, “If they either intended to condone Trabant’s actions or take responsibility for them, it is imperative that the public be made aware of such attitudes. If it is meant as a vote of support, we would find such an attitude outrageous.”



Bryant's Contract Renewed

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produce orange juice commercials featuring other entertainers in order to eventually replace Bryant’s TV spots. Bryant’s commercials have been almost entirely eliminated on Canadian television, ostensibly for reasons of “Canadian nationalism.”

Although many gay people around the country have been boycotting Florida citrus products in an attempt to persuade the Commission to fire Bryant, Dade County’s Gay Coalition only

recently decided to urge a boycott. However, the Coalition’s boycott is not to bring about Bryant’s dismissal but to urge the Citrus Commission to make a positive statement on the hiring and firing of gays. “We don’t want to interfere with anyone’s right to a job,” the Coalition’s Paul Butler recently told GCN. Butler indicated that if the Citrus Commission did issue a pro-gay statement, the Coalition would then call for an end to the boycott.

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talking with eve merriam

By Jim Marko

The Obie Award winning success of *The Club* was not the first note of fame struck in Eve Merriam's career. She is a recipient of the Yale Younger Poets Prize and her writings have appeared in most leading newspapers and magazines, both in this country and abroad. She has published over thirty books, her best known probably being *The Inner City Mother Goose*, which became Broadway's *Inner City*.

Deeply involved in the women's movement and the battle for the Equal Rights Amendment, Eve Merriam has taught a course at New York University on the status of women in literature and she lectures often on the role of women in the American culture.

Our meeting over coffee at Boston's stately Copley Plaza turned into a mild lecture at times about, not the struggle, but what Eve Merriam prefers to call the task of "opening to the center" or "raising consciousness." "I don't feel I am at the forefront of any movement or a club wielder. I am not going to Houston as part of International Women's Year, but on the other hand, I was on the executive board to the arts panel of International Women's Year last year."

With her dark eyes flashing and with her easy, almost genteel, manner, Ms. Merriam strongly suggested that one should focus on what one does well. "I get great pleasure out of the theater work that I do and there I am deeply concerned about relationships between men and women. We have to come to an understanding about one another."

One of the ways in which the playwright is comfortable and effective taking on this task is certainly through her theater pieces. *The Club*, which I found more an entertainment than a political statement, is, nonetheless, a stated political concept. The idea of role reversal, with women as men (and at one point women as men as women), has something to communicate to an aware audience. *The Club* mocks male power and the playwright and others have found that audiences became unsettled by what they see as a threatening situation.

Eve Merriam has suggested on another occasion that older women see this play as a way of poking fun at their husbands, while for younger women, the play is part of a "liberated outlook" that touches all facets of life. Whatever you read into *The Club*, there is an unsettling of attitudes and a shaking up of some pre-conceptions.

"I like that shaking up," Merriam said. "Whether one approves or disapproves, it provides an unsettling experience. One must re-examine the old sexual stereotypes and that is part of what I like about it."

It does seem a debatable point, though, when one can see male members of the audience obviously relishing the sexist jokes told by these "gentlemen" on the stage. Does that make sense in a play written by a politically committed feminist? Merriam thinks "Some people take it [*The Club*] as pure entertainment and I think there are others who view it as an entertainment because they don't want to see anything else."

Eve Merriam conceded that when she thought of the idea for *The Club*, she thought of it as simply a piece of

entertainment. She hopes people will laugh and watch the play as a diversion rather than as a political statement. That, indeed, may be the problem for some of us and it may be why I found the play tedious save for its value as entertainment.

Some of Eve Merriam's gay male friends also found the play to their disliking, especially a joke made in reference to the androgynous character of Johnny the page. He is at one point referred to as a "sissy": "Like Venus de Milo, beautiful but not all there." It surprises Ms. Merriam that this was viewed as offensive. "I told my friends that if these men in the club are going to be sexist, they are certainly going to be anti-homosexual. They have to."

There have been women who find the play offensive as well. When a benefit was held in New York City recently to aid the mayoral campaign of Bella Abzug, her organization bought out the house for a performance of *The Club*. Apparently the men in that audience enjoyed the show, while the women sat there very straight faced. The playwright turned to director Terry White for an explanation. "She told me, she said, look, the men working for Bella Abzug are already very liberated. They are relaxed or they would not be on her staff or working for her. The women are still very uptight, a lot of them, so they were sitting there hating the jokes and finding them disgusting. The men, many of them in this case, seem to have made the leap into a kind of comfortable feminism."

This is still an arguable point: Can *The Club* with its many sexist remarks mouthed by men played by women be seen as a "leap" into any kind of feminism? Author, poet, playwright Merriam has other work which may involve "leaps" — work which may even give a quick push in the right direction.

In a recent workshop production in New York, her *Viva Reviva* was presented. This play brings four women back to life. Eve comes forth to tell the story of the Garden of Eden from her point of view. Penelope tells what life "was really like" with Ulysses; Ophelia refuses to drown herself for Hamlet; Joan of Arc refuses to burn. That production, another musical, finds the battle lines drawn even more clearly than in *The Club*. As a bemused Eve Merriam said: "Some people were very critical of that because they said it was too right on . . . too much the women's message . . . well . . . uh . . . hmm . . ."

I don't have much to say about which act might be more "right on" than another as Eve Merriam works toward having women and men try to "come to an understanding about one another." Certainly the elements of masculine and feminine exist in each of us: What *The Club* does is exaggerate the qualities of one sex. It amuses, entertains and is at times concept-shaking. But as instruction it can be faulted.

The Club is not the end of Eve Merriam's life-long struggle (hopefully she'll excuse that word) in helping people to understand people. She will lecture, publish, present plays, and simply speak in her earnest manner to those who are open enough to listen.



C. Harlin in the role of Johnny.

Eve Merriam, author of *The Club* (sixth from right) with director Terry White (far right)

the club reviewed

THE CLUB with book and lyrics by Eve Merriam, directed by T. White, is at the Charles Playhouse, Boston.

A review by Jim Marko

A group of sexist, racist, white, upper class "gentlemen" spend an evening together at their all male club. This evening they join together in song to, of, and about the "ladies": "We can't live with them and we can't live without them." They sing of their sexual triumphs, their liaisons, their cigars, their wine, their Peggy, their Miranda, their Dora, and their Nancy Lee.

These well-bred "gentlemen" have a small, sprightly male page who keeps the outside world at bay and is eyed suspiciously for his lack of masculinity. There is also the fast-talking, shoe-tapping black servant who dazzles these turn-of-the-century dandies with his dancing skills.

This exclusive club flourishes in 1903 and the songs, as conducted by the onstage Maestro, are from the period 1894 to 1905. *A Good Cigar Is A Smoke*, *Pinky Panky Poo*, *Her Little Valise*, and *My Blushing Rose* give an indication as to what transpires as this group cavorts.

The gathering was made possible by feminist author and playwright Eve Merriam. So, what do we have here from the person who wrote *We, The Women* and *Growing Up Female In America*? We have an evening that, at least at the outset, blurs and boggles the senses.

The seven members of the cast are women as men: Not merely male drag but true transformation. The intention of *The Club* is to alter all of those preconceived notions of woman/man and male/female that most people still

seem to hold on to. There is a mad circle game in the mind-set of this play as these "men" show us their upfront sexism at the same time that we are aware they are women.

The piece becomes a delightful kaleidoscope for the mind as one becomes immersed in Merriam's idea. A score of cross-references play along the edge of the brain as these seven talented people sing, dance, and posture on the runway they refer to as the "joy plank."

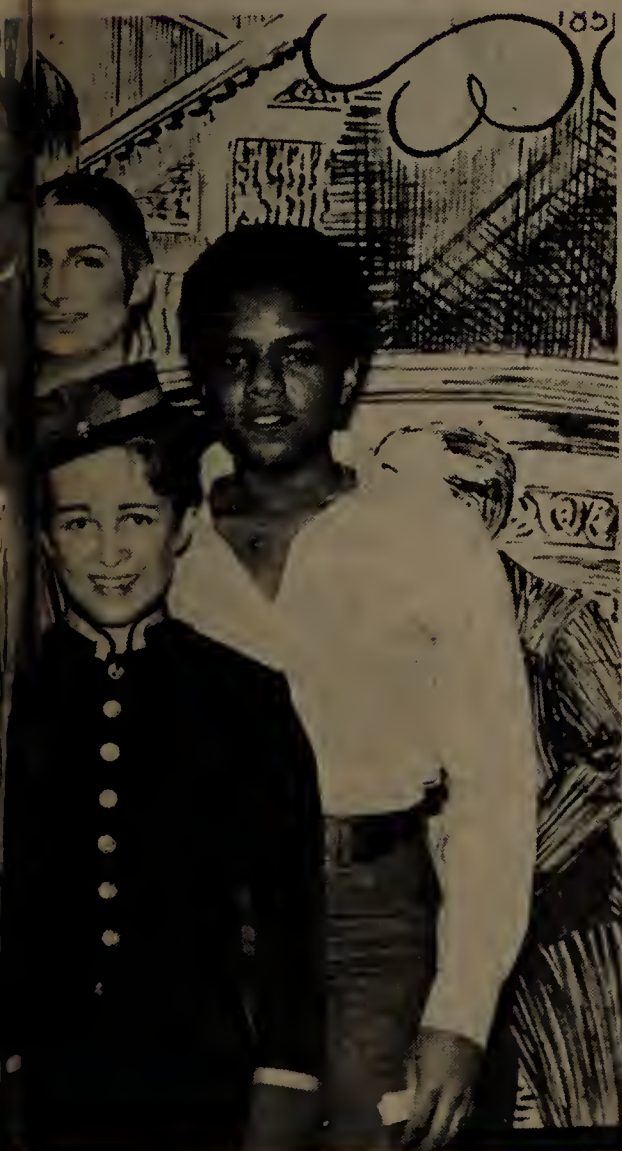
Breakthrough is a fair enough word for the idea of *The Club*. It is a wildly imaginative evening in which transformation (complete and total) is given a clear and ringing definition. Yet, as exciting as this concept seems, *The Club* finally falls short. The message comes early and becomes tedious. In the end it is spelled out all too clearly for us. It seems thoroughly unnecessary and gratuitous to have a character reveal him/herself as a woman. Women and men are equal, says Merriam — and so they are. Preaching and political rhetoric within these strict musical comedy boundaries can be heavy-handed — and so it is.

This collage of song, dance, and anecdote is entertaining due largely to the very energetic and engaging cast. Special mention is made of J. Bonard's Henry, C. Harlin's Johnny, and L. McMillan's Freddie not because these three are any more outstanding than the others, but because their transformations are all that more delightfully convincing.

You may very well sigh in exasperation at the close of *The Club* and you will most probably find the play a bit tedious during the intermissionless evening. Its value as pure entertainment, however, cannot be faulted and the ensemble is superb.



A member of *The Club* ensemble, L. McMillan in the role of Freddie.



the entire *Club* ensemble.



Members of *The Club*: C. Val-Schmidt, K. Benfer, M. Task and L. McMillan.

Julia: positive portrayal of women's friendship

By Beth Carleton

Lillian Hellman belongs to that group of people whose names keep popping up in those "is she or isn't she?" games. After all, she wrote (in the '30s, no less) *The Children's Hour*, a very sensitive treatment of the consequences of a child's malicious campaign to slander her teachers by labeling them lesbians. On the other hand, for a number of years she lived with Dashiell Hammett (author of *The Maltese Falcon* and other Sam Spade thrillers) but you can't have everything. Besides, in this game rumors are valued and facts can be discounted.

This might have been why the recently-released movie *Julia* aroused my curiosity. It is based on parts of Hellman's autobiographical book *Pentimento*, and it portrays Hellman's relationship with a girlhood friend, Julia. The story develops against the background of Hitler's rise to power and Hellman's writing of *The Children's Hour*. And, I admit, the fact that it stars Jane Fonda and Vanessa Redgrave also had something to do with my interest in it. I've always had a weakness for prominent cheekbones and angular bodies.

But this is not a movie about sexual identities, or even about sexuality. Hellman's friendship with Julia is balanced throughout by her relationship with Hammett (played by Jason Robards), and both are seen as symbols through a haze of idealization. Dash represents devotion to work: that sacred trust to keep one's wits, in the midst of both success and failure, in

order to write well. He plays Hellman's touchstone — her in-house literary critic. Julia represents a different devotion, one for which Lillie has much respect but little understanding — that of political action. With eyes flashing intensely at the madness of pre-war Europe, Julia represents Hellman's sense of purity and justice. We see her as pale and spectral, as an image rather than a fleshed-out character. That she is given no last name only strengthens that impression.

A foil to this purist vision of Julia is provided by a minor character who would find himself at home in any F. Scott Fitzgerald novel. Sammy-the-socialite knew both women as teenagers and he ridicules Julia to Lillie. When the latter becomes icy, he continues by saying that "after all, the whole world knows about you and Julia. If anybody understands the urges of the adolescent girl it's me . . ." Lillie slaps him, and then upturns the table upon him. End of discussion.

Yet the friends share a genuine respect and affection for each other. It was wonderful to see them dance together, stroll through Oxford arm-in-arm, hold hands while sipping wine in a Berlin cafe, to hear Lillie say "I love you, Julia." Hellman gives us here a portrait of her affection. In her image of her friend she shows us someone "gentle, strong, delicate . . . [she had] the most beautiful face I had ever seen." Isn't this — all questions of sexuality aside — what it means to be a woman-loving-woman?



On Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., Center Screen will be showing Tom Joslin's *Black Star: Autobiography of a Close Friend*.

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Joslin himself, however, gives the film its best moments, as he speaks directly to the camera about his coming out. The discovery that "I was not the only homosexual" and the decision that "I was tired of lying to myself" are moving periods in the lives of many gay people. *Black Star* is a positive and honest depiction of growing up a gay male and of loving another man.

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Men's Joy Book — Gay Sex For the Mass Market?

THE JOY OF GAY SEX: An Intimate Guide for Gay Men to the Pleasures of a Gay Lifestyle. By Charles Silverstein and Edmund White. Illustrated. 239 pp. New York: Crown Publishers, Inc. \$12.95.

By Michael Bronski

Up until a few years ago there was a virtual blackout on any books about female or male homosexuality. As times changed, more things became possible. Books about gay lifestyles, gay people, gay politics, and gay culture began to appear. The barriers have apparently reached a further state of disrepair, for, in the past two years, no less than four sex manuals for gay men have been published.

Gay Spirit, by David Loois, was a guide for becoming a sensuous homosexual in the paperback style of *J, M*, and *US*. Mark Freedman's and Harvey Maynes' *Loving Man* was of the nonsense Van de Valde marriage manual style, with photos that had the banality of late '50s porn. *Men Loving Men*, by Mitch Walker, from Gay Sunshine Press, was a vast improvement, giving equal time to the spiritual and social aspects of sexuality. If it was to be faulted for anything, it was perhaps a bit *too* San Francisco, a bit *too* counter-culture.

What was essentially a small publisher's field has now reached the big time with Crown's publication of *The Joy of Gay Sex*, by Charles Silverstein and Edmund White.

If *The Joy of Gay Sex* is going to be pigeonholed one would have to say that it is a coffee table sex book. Taking its style and format from the bestselling *The Joy of Sex* by Alex Comfort, it is slick, literate, stylish, and expensive. The book is being given a major promotion campaign by Crown and large sales have been predicted by *Publishers Weekly*. There has

been much written about "gay trends" occurring in ostensibly straight film, theater, fashion and social situations but it is quite a phenomenon when gay sex guides are packaged and sold on the "open market."

One wonders what the publishers think the market for *The Joy of Gay Sex* and *The Joy of Lesbian Sex* is going to be. With such mass advertising it would seem as though they expect not only every lesbian and male homosexual in the country to buy a copy — but lots of heterosexuals as well. Is this reasonable thinking? Would a heterosexual woman or man pay \$12.95 to find out how the other sixth "does it"? It is true that *The Joy of Sex*, and its sequel, *More Joy of Sex*, had tremendous sales, but if one believes Kinsey, there was a nine-to-one ratio in its favor. But perhaps any sex book sells. Are we going to have to get ready for *More Joy of Lesbian Sex*, or *Son of Joy of Gay Sex*? And will some business-wise publisher rush out with *The Double Joy of Bisexual Sex*?

If we have reached a point where cultural interests include the marketing of our sex lives, it would be nice for some basic civil rights to come along with that.

All marketing aside, the question of sex manuals is an interesting one in itself. In a society as obsessive and compulsively denying about sex (any sex, let alone homosexual) as ours is, any book that presents some sanity on the subject is welcome. I suspect that the fundamentals of sane sex, basic sexual health care, and the rudiments of gay life could be covered in a well-written 50-page booklet. What Silverstein and White have done is to present all those basics, with flourishes and illustrations, in over 239 pages. They do not limit themselves to sex, but have written what *Publishers Weekly* succinctly called a "sex manual and sym-



pathetic advisor to confirmed and neophyte gays, offering frank counsel on lifestyles, personal relationships, self-image, societal hang-ups, health, etc."

The book is arranged as a series of entries under alphabetical headings. It covers, sometimes briefly but often in depth, almost every topic imaginable. There is also an index if you don't see what you want under the headings. There is some good common sense psychologizing ("Some gay men, especially those who have not yet come out or who feel guilty about their sexuality, fall in love with straight men." — from "Straight men," page 208). There are also some silly *Sensuous Woman* type

of hints ("Turn him over on his stomach and slap some whip cream and a maraschino cherry on his buns and nibble your way down" — this is listed under "Taste treats" and is not meant for health food devotees, who would undoubtedly opt for honey and organic figs.) "Venereal and other diseases" is sensible and as complete as anything else that is in print on the subject.

Politically Silverstein and White are moderate. There is no sermonizing against S & M — although they are very cautious in their "Fistfucking" section. They acknowledge gay liberation's debt to feminism, but claim that

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The political superstructure of New York City is now inhabited by a mayor, Ed Koch, who is single; a city council president, Carol Bellamy, who is single; and a borough president of Manhattan, who is divorced. The governor of the state, Hugh Carey, is a widower and the lieutenant governor, Mary Anne Krupsak is legally separated . . . All in all the place is scarcely an advertisement for the durability of the nuclear family. . .

Indeed, it could be argued that these successful single politicians are emblems of a new and potent force in American social and political life. In part, that force has to do with lifestyle. But, more importantly, it is a reflection of the changed nature of the economy . . .

These social changes are slowly pro-

ducing politicians to match: no longer necessarily models of family and hearth, but unattached individuals whose unstated appeal is often that of the workaholic with no ties. Not only can such a politician claim that he/she is "not beholden to the special interests" — he/she can go further and appear free of all encumbering relationships. . .

There are two archetypes of this style already active on the American stage. One is Ralph Nader . . . the other is, of course, Governor Jerry Brown of California. California politicians have attempted to smear Brown, but such efforts seem curiously beside the political point: people do not appear too interested in what sort of sexual representative they might have, when other aspects of his personality and views are so much more diverting . . . Brown . . . was not elected as a familial symbol . . . but rather as the opposite."

—from Alexander Cockburn and James Ridgeway's "Sex and the Single Politician" in the November 21 issue of the Village Voice.

Joy of Sex

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women's objections to camping, while understandable, miss the point. The problems of older gays are considered, as are problems of coming out at any age.

The text is illustrated with sepia drawings, some quite good, others rather awkward. Interspersed are several sets of erotic pictures "in the style of" Greek vase-painting, Roman mosaics, Persian miniatures and oriental prints. *The Joy of Sex* had authentic reproductions of art work from different cultures. These imitations look silly at best. The pseudo-Persian miniatures are so badly done that they insult both the reader and Persian art. With a bit of research it would have been possible to find authentic Greek and Roman homoerotic art. Since the whole project is an imitation of the Comfort book, the second-rateness of

these particular pieces stands out.

There is nothing in *The Joy of Gay Sex* to particularly condemn. It is geared, perhaps, towards urban life — a discussion of backrooms will be of little use to someone living in Peoria — but it concerns itself with the pleasures and problems of all gays. There is a very good introduction, probably written by White, since it resembles pieces he has contributed to *Christopher Street*. What is most interesting about *The Joy of Gay Sex* is the fact that it has been published and is being mass-marketed. It's nice to be noticed after all this time, but one does get a bit suspicious. You can still get arrested for having a good time that everyone can now pay \$12.95 to read about. I guess that civil rights and sexual freedom just aren't mass-market.

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g) _____

Other (Please Specify) _____

19. Are you comfortable seeing a health care provider other than a physician (i.e., physician assistant, nurse practitioner) for some of your health care needs?

- a) Yes
b) No

20. Are you reluctant to discuss certain issues with non-gay providers whose attitudes toward gay people are unknown or negative?

- a) Yes
b) No

The next few questions will be used to plan mental health services for the gay community by the Homophile Community Health Service.

21. Have you ever sought out counseling or psychotherapy services?

- a) Yes
b) No

If not, how important were the following factors?

Please use the following:
(1—very important)
(2—somewhat important)
(3—not important)

- a) cost
b) fear of a negative reaction to my being gay
c) concerned with being labelled "emotionally ill"
d) I never thought about exploring it
e) I have not felt the need

22. If you have sought counselling or psychotherapy, please rank the following on how important they were. Please use the following:

(1—very important)
(2—somewhat important)
(3—not important)

- a) problems with relationships
b) drug or alcohol related problems
c) diffuse anxiety, depression or confusion
d) to change my sexual orientation
e) feelings related to being gay
f) _____

Other (Please Specify) _____

23. Have you ever had a negative experience with a therapist or counselor regarding your being gay? Yes No

24. Please check the line that best describes your drinking pattern.

- a) Drink daily. How many drinks per day? _____
b) Drink 3 or 4 times per week. How many drinks each day? _____
c) Drink mainly on weekends. How many drinks over an entire weekend? _____
d) Days or weeks of heavy drinking.
e) Less than any of the above.
f) Not at all.
g) I no longer drink
h) _____

Other (Please Specify) _____

25. Has your alcohol use ever been involved with (Check all that apply)

- a) missing work (# of days in the last year _____)
b) driving violations (or other legal problems)
c) medical problems or injury
d) getting into arguments with friends
e) none of the above

26. If you use alcohol, how important are the following to you in your use of alcohol. Please use the following:

(1—very important)
(2—somewhat important)
(3—not important)

- a) It's there in social situations so I use it
b) to relieve tension
c) to help with serious problems
d) it helps me sleep better
e) I couldn't do without it
f) because everyone else does.
g) _____

Other (Please Specify) _____

27. Do you feel any of your gay friends have drinking problems?

- a) Yes b) No

If Yes, how many?

- a) one or two
b) several
c) many

The Gay Health Collective and the Homophile Community Health Service are available to meet the needs of the gay community. If you would like to make an appointment to see a provider or to volunteer your help, please call us.

- Gay Health Collective (Medical): (617) 267-7573
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10. How often in the past 12 months have you received care for the following? (Please place the number of times in the box under the appropriate type of provider).

11. For all of the situations below, please indicate which type of provider you would prefer.

	Private V.D.	Gay Health Center	Adopt. out-patient dept. or emergency room	Fenway CHC Health Night	Gay Health Night	Other (Please Specify)	Gay Provider	Non-Gay Provider	Doesn't Matter
a) Routine checkup									
b) V.D. checkup (no symptoms)									
c) V.D. with symptoms									
d) Hepatitis									
e) Mono									
f) Accident									
g) Cold, flu, etc.									
h) Skin problem									
i) Venereal warts									
j) Drinking problem									
k) Drug problem									
l) Psychotherapy, counselling, etc.									
m) Routine GYN checkup-female									
n) Pregnancy									
o) Vaginal problems									
p) Other (Please Specify)									

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people, places and flings

by Eric Rogers

New York will always be a special city for me. When I was a child, sequestered in the suburbs, Manhattan offered visits to grandparents, trips to museums and gifts from **F.A.O. Schwartz**. But when I hit adolescence and reached sexual awareness, everything changed. At the tender age of 15, on a visit to the **Greenwich Village Art Show**, I received my first exposure to men loving men. A bearded artist and his boyfriend were selling nude paintings of themselves involved in acts of sexual creativity. My curious teenage mind made me press my parents for an explanation. Need I tell you that during my final years at home, that same curiosity drew me into the Big Apple to investigate the situation more closely. New York became my Emerald City and Christopher St. was my Yellow Brick Road. . .

I passed by **Bloomingdale's** over on the east side of town and took a look at their pre-Christmas windows. They're filled with willowy women looking very suggestively and sexually at each other. While I'm sure this kind of display is more exploitation than gay liberation, I must admit I made sure to see all the windows . . . they even brought out a chuckle despite my visions of straight men fantasizing over the display . . . While we're on windows, nowhere in New York can I find such "creative" pizzas as at **Christopher St. Pizza**. Last weekend, their windows displayed a thick, saucy pizza with the usual pepperoni replaced by squeezed-out tubes of K-Y. I opted for a lunch of spicy

onion and mushroom pizza, only because K-Y is not my favorite afternoon delight . . .



Returning to Boston, I discovered a great transformation had occurred down in the financial district! **Club 76**, at 76 Battermarch St., which has offered many benefits for the gay community, has opened as a disco and new manager Jaqui Mac (returned from a summer at the **Pied Piper** in P'town) will be at the turntable on Friday and Saturday nights. Jaqui calls the bar "a place for Women and their friends," which adds another piece of women's space to the downtown area. We'll all certainly miss Ed Catino and Sean who have been at **Club 76** since its opening and we're hoping to see them again soon in another location . . . Last Sunday, **Chaps** offered a delightful change from the usual disco beat of bars — show music during the early

hours and golden oldies later in the evening. Very romantic and very nice to be quaffing our beers to something other than Donna Summer's sounds . . . **The Colonial Theater** is hosting Vincent Price as Oscar Wilde in **Diversions and Delights**, and from what I hear the show is exactly that . . .

GCN's own Ken Sjonnessen is managing the **Side Street Book Store** at 18 LaGrange St. Besides having friendly employees, the store boasts the most gay peep shows in town. Drop in and give Ken a visit.

If you should happen to stroll down Charles St. be sure you don't pass by **Bluefingers**, a "New, Used and Experienced" clothing store, with many good finds for your winter wardrobe . . . And if you're planning to go on an adventure, pick up a knapsack or carry-all at **Tanya's Hill Shop** at 125 Charles St. . . **Sight and Sound**, at 173 Cambridge St. has an excellent stock of unique gifts, women's records, and cards which are constantly changing. I hear they've got a wonderful selection of holiday cards in for the December rush. . .

Lots is happening this week in Cambridge on the Charles. **Jewish lesbians** are getting together at the **Cambridge Women's Center** to discuss the oppression of Jewish women on Sunday, November 27, from 4-6 . . . A new weekly rap group and social evening for all college students is beginning this week on Thursday evenings at 7:30 at the Gay's at **MIT lounge**, in Walker Memorial, 142 Memorial Drive, Room 306.

When This You See, Remember Me, a

movie which includes interviews with people who knew Gertrude Stein and selections from her opera **Four Saints in Three Acts**, will be read at **Bread and Roses**, 134 Hampshire St. on Wednesday, November 30, at 9:00 . . . And Cambridge's only gay bar the **Paradise Cafe** is doing a booming business on the weekends. I dropped in Sunday evening and it seems all my favorite Cambridge activists were sitting around tables debating the recent elections. Perhaps stodgy Cambridge is finally coming out.

Two big dates to mark in your little book: December 1st **Sporters** celebrates its 20th Anniversary as a Gay Bar with such treats as 50's music on the jukebox and bartenders who filled your glass way-back-when behind the bar . . . including Bob White! . . . and December 6th, Tuesday, will bring us "The Big Splash," an evening of entertainment and education at the Aquarium, sponsored by **Gay Legislation** and the **Gay Business Association**. It should be an important evening for Boston's gay community —

As you sit down to Thanksgiving Dinner with family or friends, be sure to remember the things we can be thankful for. Forget about Anita Bryant, forget the failure of the Gay Rights Bill and the problems with the E.R.A. Be thankful that somehow, despite all the forces that try to keep the closet door shut tight, you've gotten out and can join the millions of gay people throughout the world who will never more be silenced. Have a Very Happy Holiday. . .



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In New Jersey, the Gay Activist Alliance/Morris County meets every Monday at 8:30 p.m. using facilities of Unitarian Fellowship, Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown, NJ. Info: (201) 884-0653; 347-6234.

LUTHERANS

ALC, LCA AND Mo. Uniting for justice, love, understanding in our church. Lutherans Concerned (for gay people), Box B-19114A, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST GAY CAUCUS OF NEW ENGLAND has been formed. We are an inclusive group of religious liberals who seek to provide opportunities for community building among gay people. We meet Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Arlington St. Church. For more information, contact Bob Wheatly at the UUA Office of Gay Concerns, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108, or (617) 742-2100. (c)

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Dec. 3, 9am-10pm Dec. 4, 10am-1pm
Co-led by Lesbian Therapists
Further information: 354-5981. (21)

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MONDAYS

11:30am — Lesbian Support Group meeting at Tufts Women's Center, 628-5000 ext. 702.
12 noon — Northeastern U. GSO meeting, Ell Center, rm. 349, 369 Huntington Ave., Boston. Everyone welcome.
5:30pm — Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge.
6-10pm — NH Lambda for Lesbians, phone (603) 228-8542.
6-8pm — Lesbian awareness consciousness-raising group. BU Women's Center, Basement of Sherman Union Bldg. 353-4240.
6:30-9pm — Gay Youth get together. MIT Walker Memorial, rm 306, 142 Memorial Dr., Cambridge. Social get together for gay teens 15-19.
6:30-8pm — Alcoholism discussion/education group for lesbians, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1145 Mass. Ave. Cambridge, MA, 661-1316.
6:30-8:30pm — Gay Health Services by appointment, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.
7pm — Gay alcoholics group, 10 Walnut St., Worcester, MA.
7-9pm — U. of Vermont Gay Switchboard, 656-4173.
7-10pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.
7-9pm — Yggdrasil Gay Gathering at Yggdrasil, 15 Gilbert Rd., Storrs, CT, (203)486-4737.
7:30pm — UMass Amherst, Bisexual Women's Rap Group, Campus Center.
8pm — Lesbian Rap and Action Group, Cambridge Women's Center basement, (617)354-8807.
8pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St. NH.
8pm — GPC business meeting, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.
8-9pm — "None of the Above," WUUH-FM (91.3), West Hartford, CT, (203) 521-4553.
8pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 148 Orange St., New Haven, CT.
8:30pm — Gay Alanon (gay alcoholics). Info. 843-5300.
8:30pm — Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group, (203) 522-2646.
8:30pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, open meeting, basement Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, 436-8945; public welcome.
9pm — Gay discussion group, Columbia U., Furnald basement, Broadway at 115th St.

TUESDAYS

9 am-2:30 pm — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
1 pm — MCC Campus Ministry, RIC Student U., rm 312, Providence, RI.
4:30-9:30 — MCC open hours with M. Hougen, drop-in center, 2 Wellington St., Worcester, MA
6:30-8 pm — Women's Gay Collective, Women's Center, UConn, CT, (203) 486-4738
7 pm — Pot Luck Supper, 228½ Atwells Ave., Providence, RI.

7:30pm — Integrity, gay Episcopalians, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston

8 pm - DOB women's rap, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA, 661-3633.

8 pm — Springfield Gay Alilance, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Dr., Springfield.

8 pm — Martha's Vineyard gay women and men rap group, info call 627-5370.

8:30 pm — Providence Gay Group of AA, Assumption Parish Hall, 791 Potters Ave., Providence, RI, 231-5853.

WEDNESDAYS

9am — "Gay News" radio on WHUS-FM, (91.7), Storrs, CT.

11am — Gay discussion group of Drop-In Center of Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA; open to everyone.

6-10pm — NH Lambda for Lesbians; phone (603) 228-8542.

6:30-8:30pm — Gay Health Services, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.

7pm — Lesbian Support Group, UNH Women's Center, Durham, NH

7pm — Liberation Rap Group, (617) 756-0730.

7pm — Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701.

7-9pm — GRAC Volleyball on Fenway (between rose garden and baseball diamond), Boston.

7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective meeting. Storrs, CT. Info: (203) 486-4738.

7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective, UConn Women's Center, (203) 486-4738.

7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective meeting. Storrs, CT. Info. (203) 486-4738.

7-9pm — University of Vermont Gay Switchboard, (802) 656-4173.

7:30pm — MCC midweek service, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.

8pm — Nashua, NH Area Gays rap session; call Ken (603) 673-5315 or Doug, 882-8732.

8pm — Discussion group for lesbians and gay men, Christ Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie, NY.

8pm — HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

8pm — Yalesbians meeting, rm. B-8, Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT, 436-8945.

8-10pm — Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Assoc. meeting. 2nd floor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. 498-2014.

8-10pm — URI Gay Social Club, 4th floor Group Room, Roosevelt Hall. (401) 792-5954 or Carl 789-8360.

8:30pm — Gay-straight Rap, UConn, Mental Health Clinic, (203) 486-4705.

9-12pm — Gay Social, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

10:15pm — "Gaybreak Radio" on WMUA-FM (91.1) (1st and 3rd Wednesdays.)

10:15pm — "Gay News" radio on WHUS-FM, (91.7), Storrs, CT.

THURSDAYS

9am-2:30pm — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.

5pm — Brandeis Gay Alliance, Usdan Student Ctr., Conf. Rm. C, Brandeis U., Waltham, MA.

7pm — Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester, MA.

7m — Game Night, 5 Junction St., Providence, RI, alternate weeks.

7-10pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.

7:30pm — UConn Gay Alliance meets in the Student Union, Rm. 218, University of Connecticut, Storrs.

8pm — Womenspace coffeehouse and workshop, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.

8pm — Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210.

8pm — Dykes & Tykes, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA, third floor, care for young people, 354-8807.

8-9pm — Lesbian Mother rap group, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA, 661-2537.

8:15pm — Drinking problems rap group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855, Boston.

8:30pm — Gay Women's Caucus, UMass/Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center.

8:30pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, Hendrie Hall basement, 436-8945, New Haven, CT.

9pm — Emerson Homophile Society, rm. 24, 96 Beacon St., Boston.

FRIDAYS

7-8:30pm — GRAC swimming, Lindemann Cntr, Staniford St., across from Longfellow Towers.

7-9 pm — GRAC men's basketball, Lindemann Center, Hurley Bldg., Staniford St., Boston.

7:30pm — Am Tikva service, social at Frost Lounge, Ell Center, Northeastern Univ., 360 Huntington Ave., Boston

7:30 pm — Rap group for men and women, MGTF, 193 Middle St., Portland, ME.

7:30 pm — Lesbian Feminist Workshop, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA, Info call 783-9415.

7:30 pm — Gay get-together, downstairs round-room, Billings Center, U of VT, Burlington.



8 pm — East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530.
8 pm — "Somewhere Coffeehouse," MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford.
8:30 pm — Alcoholics Together, Our Lady of Victory Church, Isabella St., Boston.
9-12 pm — GAY coffeehouse, Hendrie Hall basement, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT.

SATURDAYS

2 pm — Project Lambda Rap session for gay teenagers, 70 Charles St., Boston.
8 pm-12 — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
10 pm-3 am — Worcester Hotline, 791-6562.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am — "Closet Space," WCAS-AM (740).
11 am — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.
1-2:30pm — GRAC swimming, Lindemann Cntr, Staniford St., across from Longfellow Towers.
2 pm — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.
2 pm — MCC/Worcester service, Central Cong. Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester.
2-4 pm — GRAC swimming at Lindemann Center, Staniford St., Boston.
2:30 pm — "Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
4-6 pm — Gay Women's Group of Providence rap, (401) 831-5184.
5 pm — Dignity/Integrity Mass, St. Luke's Church, 17 S. Fitzhugh St., Rochester, NY.
5 pm — MCC/Boston Bible study group, 131 Cambridge St., 523-7664.
5:30 pm — Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.
5:30pm — Dignity service, Arlington St. Church, Boylston St. entrance, Boston
6:30 pm — Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.
7 pm — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.
7 pm — MCC services, South Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH (first Sunday of month).
7 pm — MCC/Albany, NY, 332 Hudson Ave. (except first Sunday of month at 6 pm).
7 pm — MCC/NY worship, 201 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.).
7 pm — MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
7:30pm — MCC worship, 425 College St., New Haven, CT.
7:30 pm — MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.
7:30 pm — "Come Out Tonight," radio WYBC-FM (94.3), New Haven, CT.
8 pm-12 — Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI, 863-3062.
8-12pm — NH Lambda for lesbians, phone (603) 332-4440

calendar

Deadline for all Calendar Items, Every week and Quick Gay Guide is 12 noon each Wednesday for the next issue.



20 sun

Allston, MA — Steering committee meeting for CLEARSPACE: a community center for lesbian women and gay men. Open to any lesbian woman or gay man who would like to help develop this center. Meetings also on Dec. 4 and 18. 96 Beacon St., 277-2484.

Cambridge — Thanksgiving Dinner for Women sponsored by D.O.B., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. \$3.75 adults, \$1 children., 6 p.m.

Providence — Big Mother's Coffee-house at Faunce House, Brown University. Music and theatre by R.I. Feminist Theatre. Sponsored by Gay Community Services of RI, \$1.

21 mon

Boston — Homophile Community Health Service is offering a women's group on intimacy. For more info contact HCHS at 542-6075.

Newton. MA — Benefit at Interface, 63 Chapel St., for the Hopi Indians. Share films, poems, music, prayer and dance. Info: 491-0984.

25 fri

Boston — Am Tikva service and social, Frost Lounge, Ell Ctr., Northeastern U., 360 Huntington Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Boston — Be an Instant Blessing; come help us fold, stuff and seal GCNs. In return you will receive enlightening conversation, free refreshments, and large amounts of appreciation. Come to the GCN office any Friday between 5:30 and 8:30 pm, 22 Bromfield St.



27 sun

Boston — Leah Fritz will speak on "Feminism vs. Fascism" at Morris Auditorium, 602 Commonwealth Ave. under the auspices of the Community Church of Boston. Ms. Fritz is the author of *Thinking Like a Woman*. Special music by Joanne Cazden. Info: 261-6710.

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